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MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Vice Chair Gordon Vance, on April 7, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Chair (R)
Sen. Gordon Vance, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Janna Taylor (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Chair (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 628, 4/2/2015; HB 407, 4/1/2015; HB 604, 4/2/2015; HB 599, 4/2/2015

HEARING ON HB 628

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:14 Rep. Randy Brodehl (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 628, Revise the replacement schedule for regular license plates.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:27 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:04:20 Sarah Garcia, administrator, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:39 Sen. Brown
00:06:55 Rep. Brodehl
00:07:14 Sen. Malek
00:07:41 Ms. Garcia, DOJ

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:02 Rep. Brodehl

HEARING ON HB 407

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:28 Rep. Virginia Court (D), HD 50, opened the hearing on HB 407, Allow vehicle registration donation for Virginia/Nevada cities.

[EXHIBIT\(his69a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:17:42 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasures Association

Informational Testimony:

00:20:07 Sarah Garcia, administrator, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:20 Sen. Brown
 00:21:15 Rep. Court
 00:21:31 Sen. Brown
 00:21:51 Sen. Sales
 00:22:39 Rep. Court
 00:24:11 Sen. Barrett
 00:25:33 Rep. Court
 00:25:38 Sen. Whitford
 00:25:51 Rep. Court
 00:26:28 Sen. Brown
 00:27:04 Vice Chair Vance
 00:27:30 Ms. Garcia, DOJ

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:13 Rep. Court

HEARING ON HB 604

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:07 Rep. Edward Greef (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 604, Create a pilot program to maintain and repair shared-use trails.

[EXHIBIT\(his69a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:06 Melinda Barnes, Bike Walk Montana (BWM)
 00:42:46 Sen. Taylor entered the hearing.
 00:44:18 Mary Cheryl Beeby, Safe Route to School

[EXHIBIT\(his69a03\)](#)

00:46:27 Bob Walker, Montana Trails, Recreation and Parks Association (MTRPA)
 00:49:26 Linda Stoll, Missoula County (MC)
 00:50:42 Glenn Marx, Montana Association of Land Trusts

Opponents' Testimony:

00:51:59 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

Informational Testimony:

00:55:28 Sarah Garcia, administrator, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)
 00:55:38 Jon Swartz, Maintenance Division, Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:01 Sen. Brown
 00:57:24 Mr. Swartz, MDT
 00:57:50 Sen. Sales
 00:58:17 Mr. Swartz
 00:58:31 Lynn Zanto, Department of Transportation (MDT)
 01:00:12 Sen. Sales
 01:01:41 Ms. Zanto, MDT
 01:01:51 Sen. Malek
 01:03:24 Mr. Walker, MTRPA
 01:04:02 Sen. Malek
 01:05:44 Ms. Wiggers, MCTA
 01:05:57 Sen. Whitford
 01:06:43 Ms. Zanto
 01:07:08 Sen. Whitford
 01:07:28 Ms. Wiggers
 01:07:47 Sen. Thomas
 01:11:52 Mr. Swartz
 01:12:07 Sen. Thomas
 01:12:36 Rep. Greef
 01:13:28 Sen. Barrett
 01:14:11 Ms. Barnes, BWM
 01:15:35 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:15:55 Ms. Stoll, MC
 01:16:48 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:17:00 Sen. Taylor
 01:17:41 Ms. Zanto
 01:17:54 Sen. Brown
 01:18:31 Ms. Zanto
 01:18:43 Mr. Swartz
 01:19:07 Chair Vance
 01:19:22 Ms. Garcia, DOJ
 01:19:30 Chair Vance
 01:19:55 Mr. Swartz

Closing by Sponsor:

01:20:27 Rep. Greef

HEARING ON HB 599

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:27:46 Rep. Lee Randall (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 599, Allow for permanent registration of heavy trucks and truck tractors.

EXHIBIT(his69a04)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:29:49 Cary Hegreberg, executive director, Montana Contractors Association
 01:30:31 Spook Stang, executive vice president, Motor Carriers of Montana
 01:30:55 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:31:42 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)
 01:32:48 Tom Butler, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)
 01:33:01 Duane Williams, administrator, Motor Services Division, Department of Transportation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:33:19 Sen. Brown
 01:33:38 Rep. Randall
 01:33:58 Sen. Sands
 01:34:13 Mr. Butler, MHP
 01:34:54 Sen. Sands
 01:35:02 Mr. Butler
 01:35:35 Sen. Thomas
 01:39:38 Rep. Randall
 01:39:56 Sen. Brown
 01:40:34 Rep. Randall
 01:40:52 Sen. Malek
 01:42:58 Mr. Butler
 01:43:45 Sen. Barrett
 01:45:13 Rep. Randall
 01:46:19 Sen. Thomas
 01:49:10 Ms. Wiggers, MCTA
 01:50:03 Sen. Thomas
 01:51:22 Rep. Randall
 01:51:44 Chair Vance

Closing by Sponsor:

01:52:12 Rep. Randall

Discussion:

01:53:28 Sen. Thomas
 01:53:31 Chair Vance
 01:53:37 Sen. Sales
 01:53:45 Chair Vance
 01:53:47 Sen. Thomas
 01:53:59 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division
 01:54:10 Chair Vance

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01:54:24 Sen. Thomas
01:54:37 Sen. Barrett
01:54:49 Chair Vance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:56 P.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([his69aad.pdf](#))